REMARKS

General:

Claims 1 and 3-26 are pending in the application. Claims 7, 8 and 26 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-6, 9-13 and 15-25 are allowed. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of many of the claims in light of the prior response.

§112 Rejections.

Claims 7 and 8 were rejected as lacking antecedent basis for the term "band". Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to include suitable language to provide proper antecedent basis. (Note: claims 7 and 8 could not be made dependent on claim 6 in light of an objection in a prior Office Action.)

Claim 26 was rejected as being somewhat indefinite regarding the general reference to lid. Claim 26 has been amended to recite each end of the liner and a respective lid. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 26 is definite.

If the Examiner believes that direct communication with Applicants' representative will help advance this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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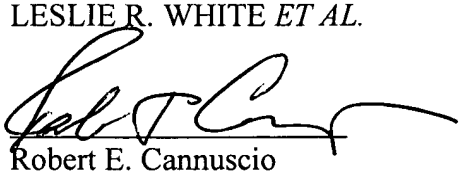
By: 

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